

INTRODUCTION

SUATS ORGANIZATION

The purpose of the Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Sumter area is to establish and maintain a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning process. While meeting the appropriate federal and state requirements, this process promotes the development of a safe, effective, efficient and environmentally sensitive multi-modal transportation system for moving people and goods in the SUATS area.

The study area is approximately in the center of Sumter County, South Carolina. The City of Sumter and outlying area beyond the corporate limits as shown comprise the SUATS area.

SUATS is monitored by two committees, the Policy Committee, which has final local approval and authority on all major transportation decision, policies, and programs of SUATS, and the Study Team, which provides advice to the Policy Committee and staff on technical methods, procedures and standards that are used in the development of transportation plans and programs.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)

The Transportation Improvement Program details all projects and programs that have obligated funding from FHWA. These projects and programs derive from the SUATS Long Range Transportation Plan. The TIP has been developed by SUATS with the cooperation of SCDOT and SWRTA. The TIP has been advertised and made available for public comment. It covers a period of 5 years but is updated yearly. SUATS, in cooperation with SCDOT and SWRTA, assures that all projects and programs are fully fundable.

The TIP also includes all federally supported capital and non-capital surface transportation projects within the boundaries of the MPO as well as all regionally significant projects requiring an action by the FHWA or the FTA.

ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS 2008-2009

LOCATION	TYPE OF PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST
ALICE DRIVE WIDENING	Pedestrian scale lighting, burial of utility infrastructure	\$500,000
FULTON ST(S43-101)@LEMIRA SCHOOL	Sidewalk (1150 ft)	\$27,000
HIGHLAND AVE (S43-564)	Sidewalk with C&G (1230 ft)	\$46,000
BYNUM ST (S43-392)	Sidewalk (450 ft)	\$9,900
PLOWDEN MILL RD (S43-723)	Sidewalk (1200 ft)	\$28,800
SOUTH SUMTER ST (S43-456)	Sidewalk with C&G (855 ft)	\$38,635
ALBERT SPEARS DR (S43-	Sidewalk (1260 ft)	\$46,620
TOTAL	PROPOSED ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS 2009-2010	\$688,970
WISE DR (S43-380)	Sidewalk (4300 ft)	\$102,600
WESMARK DR (S43-4302)	Sidewalk (3000 ft)	\$89,000
ALICE DRIVE WIDENING	Landscaping	\$75,000